



What is the Army's World Class Athlete Program?

A program that provides outstanding soldier-athletes the support and training to compete and succeed in national and international competitions to include the Olympic Games, while maintaining a professional military career.

How are soldiers selected?

WCAP offers all members of the Army (Active, Reserve and National Guard) the same opportunity for selection. All soldiers must be in good military standing. Enlisted members must have completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training. All officers must have completed their branch Basic Officer Course. Selected Reserve and National Guard members will be brought on Active Duty to participate in the program. WCAP initiates soldiers into the program at least three years before the Olympic Trials.

Soldiers applying for the program must demonstrate the ability to maintain a high national ranking in their specific sport.

What kind of training will I receive?

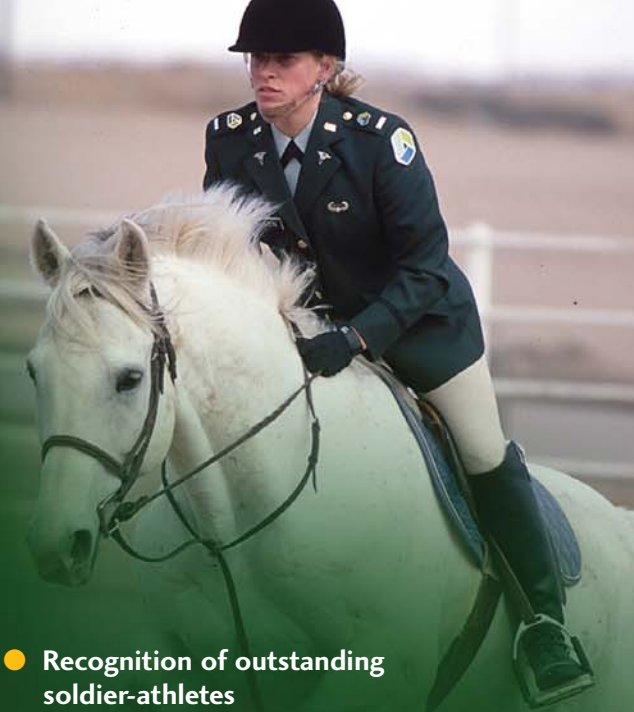
Without a doubt, you will receive exceptional training from some of the country's best coaches and trainers. The Army has its own established training centers for sports such as boxing, wrestling and modern pentathlon. If you're involved with another sport, you will be assigned to a location, usually near a college or club with a proven record in international competition, where you will receive the best possible training. Assigned coaches may be civilian or military.

How do I maintain my military proficiency?

All WCAP soldiers are monitored for selection and attendance to required military schools. Coordination is made with the Personnel Management Command for Active Army soldiers, and appropriate Reserve and National Guard personnel offices, to ensure WCAP soldiers remain competitive with their counterparts assigned to regular Army units.

What are the benefits of WCAP to the Army?

- Reinforcement of a positive image of the Army
- Provides Army soldier-athletes with national visibility



- Recognition of outstanding soldier-athletes
- Establishment of a standard of excellence all soldiers can strive for
- Soldier-athletes serve as positive role models for America's youths and potential Army recruits

What kind of results has WCAP produced?

Since 1948, 541 Army soldier-athletes have been selected to either an American summer or winter Olympic team, earning 131 Olympic medals in a variety of sports from hockey to track and field, rowing and shooting to boxing. More recently, WCAP accomplishments include:

2002 Winter Olympics - Spc. Jill Bakken, with civilian brakeman Vonetta Flowers, won gold in the first-ever Olympic women's bobsled event. In the men's 4-man race, Army Reservist 2nd Lt. Garrett Hines won silver

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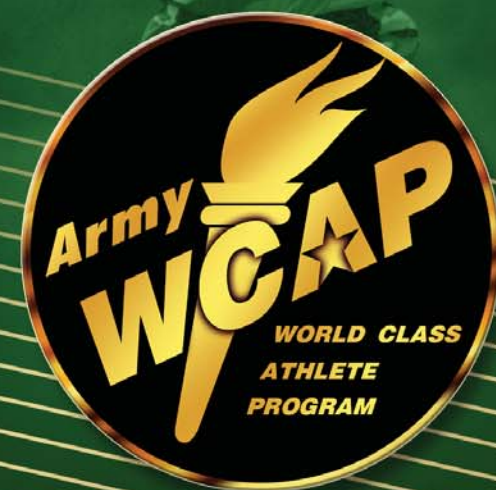
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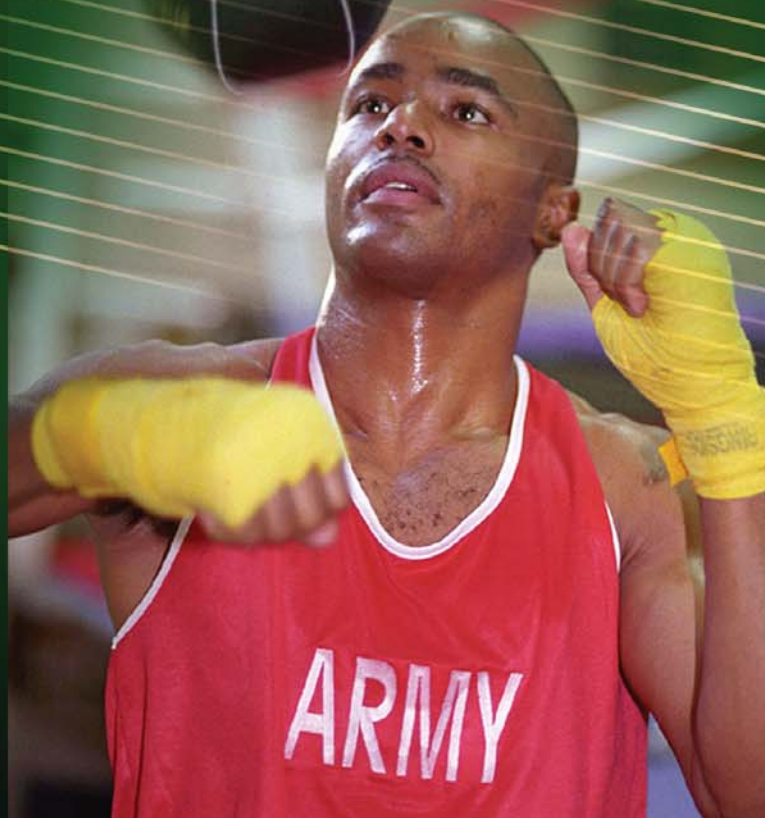


2002 Spc. Dremiel Byers became the fourth American to win a World Championship in Greco-Roman Wrestling. WCAP athletes captured an additional 233 medals at national and international championships.

2000 **Summer Olympic Team:** 56 soldiers (73 percent of those assigned to WCAP) qualified for Olympic Trials. Four made the U.S. team; nine were alternates. The Army's boxing coach, Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, was selected as the U.S. boxing team's high performance coordinator. Capt. Jim Gregory was selected as U.S. Modern Pentathlon's team leader. Spc. Chad Senior finished sixth in modern pentathlon.

1998 **Winter Olympics** – 9 soldiers made the U.S. Olympic team.

1996 60 soldiers qualified for the Olympic trials, 15 made the team.



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